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SUBJECT: P/L CHECK - GRAVITY METER - OEC/CD INVESTIGATIVE

CASE 3-184

REF: STATE A-6877, AUGUST 10, 1973

1. IN ABSENCE OF KURT JANSEN, MAIN SHAREHOLDER AND MANAGER OF MARTIN JANSEN SCHIFFSWERFT UND MASCHINENFABRIK, OF LEER, LOWER ECHELON COMPANY OFFICERS UNABLE TO GIVE DETAILS ON REFERENCED CASE. JANSEN IS CURRENTLY TRAVELING IN FAR EAST AND EXPECTED TO RETURN TO LEER MID-SEPTEMBER.

2. JANSEN'S CHIEF ENGINEER STREIT QUOTED FROM OWN MEMORANDA THAT IN EARLY MAY 1973 JANSEN HANDED BID IN LEER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RESEARCH VESSEL TO BE EMPLOYED IN EXPLORATION OF SEABED OIL DEPOSITS AND HYDROSTATICAL RESEARCH TO MR. TOLANI OF EASTERN MACHINERY TRADING CO. (EMT), WILSON ROAD, BALLARD ESTATE, BOMBAY 1/INDIA. STREIT UNDERSTANDS JANSEN SIGNED OPTION CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION THIS VESSEL BUT HAS NO ACCESS TO DOCUMENT. STREIT BELIEVES THAT BID AND OPTION CONTRACT MAY BE RELATED TO

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3. STREIT FELT UNAUTHORIZED TO DIVULGE DETAILS ABOUT VESSEL OFFERED TO EMT, BUT INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE DUPLICATE OF SHIP DELIVERED IN 1972 TO REEDERI BECH AT HORSSENS IN DENMARK. THIS VESSEL WAS CHRISTENED "ANNA BRAVO" AND REPORTEDLY CHARTERED BY BECH TO U.S. OIL EXPLORATION COMPANY. STREIT ADDED THAT, AFTER DELIVERY, THIS VESSEL WAS EQUIPPED WITH EXTENSIVE ELECTRONIC RESEARCH AND NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT. STREIT SURMISED THAT VESSEL OFFERED TO EMT MIGHT BE SIMILARLY OUTFITTED, BUT HE IS PERSONALLY UNAWARE OF ANY PLANS TO INSTALL A LACOSTE AND ROMBERG STABILIZED PLATFORM GRAVITY SYSTEM.

4. SINCE JANSEN'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE IN FAR EAST IS NOT KNOWN TO COMPANY HEADQUARTERS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANTS TO CLARIFY MATTER AT ONCE. STREIT SUGGESTED FURTHER QUERIES BE DEFERRED UNTIL JANSEN'S RETURN TO LEER MID-SEPTEMBER.

5. COMMENT: MARTIN JANSEN IS WELL-REPUTED, FINANCIALLY SOUND SHIPYARD, FOUNDED 1926. IT EMPLOYS 310 WORKERS; ANNUAL SALES AMOUNT TO ABOUT DM 16 MILLION. LARGE PORTION OF PRODUCTION IS EXPORTED MAINLY TO SCANDIAVIAN COUNTRIES. FIRM RECEIVES GOVERNMENT SUPPORT WITHIN SCOPE OF FRG PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN COMPETITIVE POSITION OF WEST GERMAN SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY. FIRM IS ORGANIZED AS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, CAPITALIZED AT DM 1 MILLION, OF WHICH KURT JANSEN OWNS TWO-THIRDS AND HIS SON, INGO JANSEN, THE REMAINING ONE-THIRD.

6. RECOMMENDATION: INABILITY OF KURT JANSEN'S ASSISTANTS TO FURNISH CONCLUSIVE INFORMATION MAY BE DUE TO APPARENT PATRIARCHAL MANAGEMENT. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CASE BE KEPT PENDING UNTIL CONGEN HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO QUERY KURT JANSEN PERSONALLY. WESTON

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